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Acting like animals



Cast members of Garrison Little Theatre's production of Simon Joyner's *Animal Magnetism* Zoenka Cole and Chris Corner pleasing the crowd at the play's opening night last Friday at the Italo-Canadian Club. The local theatre group has already started working on its next project titled *Perfect Wedding*.

NHS gets funding

Ministry of health kicks in \$14 million for base budget

Kris Dubé
The Times

The Niagara Health System (NHS)'s financial situation got a little bit better last week, after it was announced that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will be providing an additional \$14 million in base funding for the struggling public health care provider.

This amount will be added to the \$11 million already provided earlier this year for financial stabilization and to support important chronic disease programs. This \$14 million will be used to support the progress of the ongoing implementation of the NHS's Hospital Improvement Plan (HIP) and to acknowledge base funding shortfalls. Last year, the NHS endured a \$16 million deficit.

In a memorandum to NHS employees, volunteers and physicians, chief executive officer and president of the NHS Debbie Sevenpiper said this is "great news" for the regional health care provider, saying they have worked hard over the last few years in demonstrating due diligence regarding efficiency, expenditure control and service delivery.

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'It's a good start,' says Martin

Mayor still waiting for response to letter from minister of health

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"All of these steps were necessary in demonstrating to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care that there was a historical funding issue at the NHS and that a cash infusion was required," said Sevenpiper.

She said since the HIP's inception a deficit was always projected, but this recent announcement will positively impact that forecast.

"Over the four year implementation of the HIP, the NHS continued to project deficits. This base adjustment will now

address those projected deficits," she said.

Juanita Gledhill, chair of the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) said this improved financial position will enable the NHS to continue its progress in developing a culture of an integrated and singular organization.

"The creation of centres of excellence and implementation of inter-professional care will create efficiencies and allow the NHS to ensure new technology and updated medical equipment will enhance diagnostic and treatment capability and have a positive impact on the quality of health care to Niagara residents," said Gledhill.

Mayor Doug Martin said this is a "good start" considering it was identified that

\$16 million would be needed to implement the HIP.

"Now that they've received this money, hopefully it will lead to some stability and put a halt to the reduction of services we've seen over the last several months," said Martin.

In January, Martin wrote a letter to minister of health and long-term care Deb Matthews.

He has asked her to accept his proposal for a meeting, to explain to her why he feels Niagara residents continue to get the short end of the stick when it comes to the quality of health care, compared to other municipalities. A response has still not been given.

"We feel it's incumbent for her to recognize that," he said.

The results are in



Mayor Doug Martin accepting a compendium from the Yellow Shirt Brigade's Joy Russell on the public forum the citizens group held in January. In the package, a collection of stories from residents are provided about treatment they have received since the implementation of the Niagara Health System's Hospital Improvement Plan.

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Yellow Shirt Brigade presents compendium to council

Bursary set up in honour of Reilly Anzovino

Kris Dubé
The Times

The Yellow Shirt Brigade continues to voice its many concerns, loud and clear.

On Monday night, Joy Russell, a spokesperson for the local group of citizens who have been fighting the Niagara Health System (NHS), the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care presented council with a compendium from their public forum held in January.

Held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 24 stories were shared by Niagara residents who feel changes to health care in Ontario and more specifically this area has negatively impacted the area.

In the package presented to local politicians and members of the press, a DVD from the evening is included along

with transcriptions from everyone who spoke at the forum.

Russell said the next day the compendiums would be sent off to several officials such as the Ontario ombudsman, the premier, the minister of health and long-term care and other municipalities who are "under the gun" when it comes to health care restructuring in their communities.

"The Yellow Shirt Brigade is alive and kicking and we carry the concerns of our residents and those across Ontario with all our strength and passion," said Russell.

As the citizens group continues to make their presence known in the region, expanding beyond Greater Fort Erie, Russell hopes they can continue to recruit new people from different municipalities to join in the battle.

"We are growing and will continue to grow, as other communities are realizing what is happening to them. Not just us, but them. They know that they have to be strong and fight for their communities now, before it is too

late," she said.

Sue Salzer, another active member of the passionate group also addressed council on Monday. She provided comments similar to Russell's about the Yellow Shirt Brigade's plans to continuing for a better quality of care for Niagara residents, but also introduced a bursary being set up in honour of Reilly Anzovino, an 18-year-old who died in a car accident on Boxing Day on Hwy. 3 near Nigh Road.

The fund will provide financial assistance to deserving students entering Niagara College's paramedic program.

Niagara Falls MPP Kim Crator also, spoke at the meeting, saying he wasn't there as a politician, but as the parent of two children. He expressed his condolences to the Anzovino family and to the dozens of Reilly's friends who were also at the meeting.

"This is an opportunity to carry Reilly's name forward, forever," said Crator who also made a \$500 donation to the

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"To all of you who have relentlessly continued to fight to save our hospital, we thank you."

— Patricia Anzovino

newly-formed bursary.

Crator's comments were followed by an emotional speech from Reilly's grandmother, Patricia Anzovino.

She thanked the community at large for the support shown to her family during this extremely difficult time and to Niagara College for creating this legacy in her granddaughter's name.

"To all of you who have relentlessly continued to fight to save our hospital we thank you, also for the gentle way you cared for us in our grieving," she said.

Patricia was a speaker at

the public rally at the Leisureplex in October 2008, where the LHIN's expert adviser Dr. Jack Kitz heard the cries of 5,000 people and several speakers who demanded the emergency room at Douglas Memorial Hospital should stay exactly where it is. At Monday's meeting, she said if Kitz was listening somewhere, she hopes he realizes only making minimal recommendations on the NHS's hospital plan has already resulted in the tragedy surrounding her granddaughter.

"I feel that you did not hear our words, but I hope you heard our family's cries for the loss of our dear Reilly," she said choking back tears.

The Anzovino family, along with several provincial politicians have supported Kim Crator's efforts, petitioning the province's chief coroner's office to launch an inquest

into her death, investigating whether her life could have been saved if emergency rooms in Port Colborne and Fort Erie were still in operation.

As of Tuesday, \$4,620 had already been raised towards the bursary's set goal of \$10,000 which will then be matched by the Ontario Trust for Student Support for a total of at least \$20,000. Memorial cards are available at the two Fort Erie Credit Union branches where donations can also be made by cash, cheque or credit card. Online donations can be made by clicking the "donate now" button at www.buildingfuturecampaign.ca.

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EIS no longer needed for Crystal Beach development

Overall benefit permit will address road issue, says planning department

Kris Dubé
The Times

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) will be the agency in charge of evaluating issues surrounding the Fowler's Road throughout the remainder of the Crystal Beach Gateway Project process. Identified under the

Endangered Species Act, the local amphibians have been the main topic of environmental concern pertaining to the Town of Fort Erie's plans to build a 12-storey condominium building on the south side of Erie Road in a private-public partnership with Burlington-based developer the Molinaro Group.

Earlier in the process, the Town anticipated a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would be necessary to study and address concerns. But now, the project no longer requires an EIS and the issue surrounding the toads will be addressed by way of

an "Overall Benefit Permit" that the Town will apply for through the MNR, says director of development services Rino Mostacci.

"Since the issue is isolated to that specific concern and there is a process for it, the MNR, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority and the Region are not requiring an EIS," said Mostacci.

Dave Heyworth, the Town's senior policy planner said because an EIS will not be conducted, it doesn't mean environmental issues are being ignored and that the primary concern will be studied and focused on through the benefit permit

application process.

"In essence, all the issues with respect to the toad habitat will be addressed," said Heyworth.

Mostacci echoed Heyworth's comments, saying that just because an EIS is no longer part of the picture, it doesn't mean environmental approvals are being cast aside.

"The intent is essentially the same, to deal with environmental issues," said Mostacci.

At Monday's council meeting, Ward 3 Coun. Bob Steckley raised concerns about the \$50,000

that was budgeted for the EIS in December of 2009, which he felt the Town should not be paying for in the first place.

He feels council should have been made aware that the \$50,000 is now being spent on the permit application instead of the EIS.

"I think that needs to be a decision of this council," said Steckley.

Mostacci said the money will be spent to support the benefit permit and the hiring of a biologist. Earlier in the process a reserve fund was created for the Crystal

Beach project and whatever money isn't used will remain in the Town's hands.

"Whatever is not used remains in the reserve fund for Bay Beach and is then returned back to the general reserve," said Mostacci.

At the council-in-committee meeting on March 1st, council will decide whether or not to endorse a zoning amendment to move forward with the project.

The lengthy report to be considered by council is available on the Town's website www.forterie.on.ca.

Getting serious about acting



Members of Fort Erie Secondary School's production of *Blood Relations*, based on the Lizzie Borden story, get ready for a dress rehearsal in preparation for their upcoming performance at the Sears Drama Festival in Wolland next week. Back row, from left, are Dave Messer, Drew Belanger and Ben Elberson. Bottom row, from left, are Rachel Moses, Wesley Wilson, K.C. King and Alannah Aliberti.

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our editorial

Council facing its biggest decision on Monday

This is one of the biggest decisions this council has ever had to make.

On Monday, the council chambers will likely be flooded with residents who have been paying close attention to the Bay Beach issue and the Town's plans to move ahead with a private-public partnership with the Melniar Group to build a 12-storey condominium along the waterfront in Crystal Beach.

Although this will be a decision to give a definite yes or no when it comes to the local government's endorsement of the project, it's safe

to say that a decision has already been made in a way.

Two councillors are strongly opposed to the idea, while the rest have provided comments of support throughout the entire process.

There probably isn't much of a possibility that any member of council will be changing their minds. Although, some members might be influenced by comments from former mayor Wayne Redekop at this past Monday's council meeting about why he feels this is the wrong direction for the area. We'll just have to wait and see.

Do You Remember?



Last week's photo showed the 1st place ladies bowling team being honoured at a banquet at the old Odd Fellow's Hall in Ridgeway in the late 1970's. L-R: Beatrix "Bootsy" Tripp, Beverly Barnhart, Shirley Schnitken (Ryan) and Carol Putman. The 10 pin ladies league bowled at Carroll's Bowling Alley in Fort Erie on Friday nights. Our thanks to Carol Putman (daughter-in-law of Carol Putman), Yvonne Ramsey along with Beverly Barnhart and her granddaughter Korie Kinsella for identifying this photo. This week's photo shows a mix of uniformed and non-uniformed youth. Does anyone know who they are and on what occasion this photo was taken? Please call the museum at 694-5322 or send an email to museum@forterie.on.ca.

Community needs its emergency room returned



Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebook

Just because we have a big blue 'H', it doesn't mean we have a hospital.

Last year, the Town of Fort Erie and the Niagara Health System struck a deal, allowing the Douglas Memorial site to operate as an urgent care centre for two years with its quality of service being evaluated by a third party consultant when the deal expires.

Not good enough.

How many tragedies do we have to hear about in our community for the next two years until the level of service is changed back to the way it used to be?

It's been a while since I've written my editor's notebook about a health care related matter but after Monday's council meeting, I knew I had to.

Hearing Reilly Anzovino's grandmother Patricia speak about how thankful she is of the local community's support during such a tough time for the family, I had to hold my emotions back.

Seeing Reilly's friends grieving with one another during Patricia's emotion-

al speech caused me to think about so many things.

The first is that I couldn't imagine how I would be coping with the loss of a close friend when I was their age and my heart goes out to all of her friends and family.

But at the same time, I was infuriated.

Her death is without a doubt a result of the Niagara Health System's Hospital Improvement Plan and its approval from the Local Health Integration Network. I'm not a health care professional by any stretch of the imagination but hopefully a coroner's inquest will prove me right.

For almost two years, this issue has been at the forefront of local news. I've written similar columns stating the same opinion you've just finished reading and I haven't in a while because I didn't want to seem repetitive.

But after hearing the cries on Monday from people who lost someone so close to them, I don't care if I run this same column every week for the next six months.

The Yellow Shirt Brigade hasn't slowed down one bit and it doesn't look like they plan on letting up any time soon.

Good for them. It's been said time after time that stripping a com-

munity of 30,000 people of its emergency room is flawed, but now someone needs to listen.

I'm not sure if the minister of health reads the Times but I hope she does read this. She needs to at least give mayor Doug Martin a response to the letter he sent her in January, come to Fort Erie and hear all the stories people have for her.

I don't have any ties or connection to a political party, as I usually vote based on the candidate as opposed to the party itself.

I don't care if it's my best friend who is the Liberal candidate for premier in the next election, he or she won't be getting

my vote.

The premier won't even listen to his member and fellow Liberal Kim Craitor, so why would he listen to anyone else?

In my opinion, Craitor has worked very hard at finding a solution and I honestly believe he isn't "just being a politician" when he says he will fight for the people of Fort Erie. His boss just has no clue how horribly wrong his plans for health care really are and he seriously needs to be evicted from his hot spot at Queen's Park.

If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207 or send me an email at editorial@forterietimes.com.

opinion page

McGuinty is a 'Scrooge'

Dear Editor,

Our health system looks like a "take-off" of "The Christmas Cant".

Dalton McGuinty is Scrooge.

When our Health plight is discussed, his answer is, "Bah Humbug".

"Are there no prisons?"

"Are there no work-houses?"

Prisoners get better and quicker health care than we do in Fort Erie.

Long term care, at \$54 a day, will put us all on welfare. We are told, "Pay or care for loved ones at home".

Scrooge said, "Decrease the surplus population."

This seems to be the master plan. If we cannot get to the hospital on time, or get medical attention when we get there, here will be decreasing the surplus population.

The Ghost of Health Care past is the Douglas Memorial Hospital Board that ran our

hospital in the black. Our local doctors saw us, treated us, sent us to hospital if needed, or to a specialist at a larger medical centre. We were happy.

The Ghost of Christmas Present is Debbie Sevenpiper, and the NHS.

We are forced to self-diagnose. Only bumps, cuts and tummy aches are seen at the local urgent care facility. Ambulances will not go to Fort Erie. We are forced to go to Niagara Falls, Welland or St. Catharines, and pray we will get there on time.

The Ghost of Health Care Future is Juanita Gledhill, and the LHIN Board and the HHP plan. Our hospital will no longer be an urgent care centre. It will be a glorified filing cabinet, with storage for health records from across the region.

Many truck loads of files have already been stored there. Rooms that once held patients, are now filled with boxes.

Equipment has been moved out, and records have been brought in. Only a few if any Chronic Care beds will be there. They will be filled with people from across the region.

Wake up Fort Erie.

If Scrooge does not have a change of heart, our lives are at risk.

This is a local election year. If our council can invest tax dollars in the racetrack, changing the sky-line of Crystal Beach, and a speedway, they can help keep the fight for the hospital as a priority. The deal that was arrived at in June is not as good as the paper it is written on. Pressure your local politicians. Make them stand up and be counted. Don't vote for them, if they do not prove in the months ahead, that they care.

When the provincial and federal elections come up, keep this in mind as well.

Bah Humbug!!!

Jane Robinson
Ridgeway

No sympathy with development

Dear Editor,

Re: Tom Wilkinson's Write Here from the Feb. 24 Shopping Times

I read your letter in the Fort Erie Shopping Times recently and I agree with your viewpoint whole heartedly. Rather than representing their constituents, as is their mandate, many seem to think

that they know what is best for us...how patronizing.

I attended the last council meeting and will be attending the March 1 meeting to show my displeasure of their plans for one of the last stretches of public beach front along Lake Erie. At the last meeting the gentleman (town developer) stated, more or less, that if we didn't go along with this vision of

development, we would look like country bumpkins. Well, the developers must be laughing at the council for agreeing to give away this beach front property.

Yes, we must protect Crystal Beach from unsympathetic development.

Alida Osborn
Fort Erie

Take The Times



The Fort Erie Times made a trip to Chile, South America into the Andes camping Feb 2010. Here in the photo are Chuck and Hope Goodyear with friends just before taking a horse back ride up into the Andes We have from the left: Bill, Malcolm, Victorino, Andres, Chuck, Hope, Carmen and Fernada.

The TIMES Asks

What do you do to prepare for a winter storm?



Linda Burron



Chuck Wolbert



Melissa Wolbert



David Lee

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"I make sure my plow is full of gas and my family is safe."

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"I make sure I am still able to open my restaurant. I work hard and the snow doesn't get in my way."

—What do you think?

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Carolyn J. Kett, A.M.C.T., Town Clerk, Town of Fort Erie

(2) PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE Crystal Ridge Park Master Plan Thursday March 4, 2010 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Crystal Ridge Library (89 Ridge Road South)

Crystal Ridge Park is located in Crystal Beach, adjacent to the Crystal Ridge Library and Crystal Ridge Arena. Opened in the 1990s, this Community Park offers a football field, baseball diamond, equestrian facilities, playground and a pavilion.

The Parks and Open Space Master Plan recommends several improvements to Crystal Ridge Park, to more effectively serve the current passive and active recreational needs of the community. The addition of several new amenities is being considered, to include a multi-use play field, environmental educational trails and stations, multi-use play courts, picnic areas and a new pavilion. Council has approved funding to install a splash pad in the park.

Concepts for this park development will be presented at the Public Open House. Your input will help determine how Crystal Ridge Park will serve the future needs of the community. Town staff and the project consultant will be in attendance to discuss the park concepts and to answer any questions.

For more information contact Signe Hansen, Manager of Parks and Open Space Development, at 905 871-1600 ext. 2509 or shansen@forterie.on.ca.

(3) BY-LAW TO ADOPT 2010 GENERAL BUDGET

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 291 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie intends to consider a by-law at its meeting of **March 29, 2010** to adopt the 2010 General Budget.

For more information please go to the Town's website at www.forterie.on.ca under the 2010 Budget banner. Further inquiries should be directed to Mrs. Helen Chamberlain, Director of Financial Services at ext. 2300 (hchamberlain@forterie.on.ca).

Any person interested in appearing before Council as a delegation at its meeting of March 29, 2010 to address the 2010 Budget must register with the Clerk's Office by calling 905-871-1600 ext. 2236 by 3:00 p.m. Friday, March 26, 2010.

Carolyn J. Kett, Town Clerk
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Active volunteer running for council in Ward one

George McDermott, a lifelong resident of Fort Erie announced today that he will seek the councillor's seat for ward one in the upcoming municipal election.

McDermott is very active in the community as a volunteer, having served on the Fort Erie Library Board, Mayor's Hospital Task Force and he currently holds the position of chairman of the Community Gaming and Development Corporation. His involvement in the community is multi-faceted. He has not only sat on a number of formal committees of municipal council he also been a YMCA youth basketball coach for the past 17 years, as well as being a former president of the Greater Fort Erie Minor Baseball Association.

Over the past year and a half he has acted as a liaison between the mayor's office and the Province on hospital related issues and continues to work hard in that effort. As a community advocate he has pushed for increased provincial spending for projects in Fort Erie, including the Racetrack, and the reconstruction of Our Lady of Victory School.

"I announce my candidacy for the office of councillor for ward one to move ahead with some of the already existing plans established by the present council," he said.

"It is clear that planned growth and the development of the brownfield's in ward one would be a welcomed rejuvenation for our historic ward, and it's my

hope that the electorate would give me an opportunity to be a part of moving this process ahead."

He feels the problems surrounding healthcare and our hospital must continue to be pursued by both municipal and regional council in a very vocal way, until the local community gets the fair and accessible care that is deserved by each and every citizen of our town.

"I have been involved in this process since the beginning and there has been nothing fair or reasonable about this process. That being said, we have to continue to fight back until the province of Ontario understands the errors of their ways and gives us healthcare that is acceptable to all of us."

"We must be good financial stewards. With unemployment in Niagara high, many families are finding it tough to pay taxes to begin with, let alone higher taxes. I understand that replacing old infrastructure is going to be a costly matter but it is my hope, that through partnering with the other branches of government and moving ahead in a cautious manner, that we do not create further hardships for those already in trouble."

Currently, McDermott is the only person seeking a seat on council for Ward 1, as Sandy Annunziatti will be hoping to get the Conservative nomination to run for member of provincial parliament in the Niagara Falls-Fort Erie riding.

Young author writing up a storm



Lexie Hancock, 14, of Stovensville recently finished her novel *Enemies of the Dark: Dark Love*. Although it fits into the popular vampire genre, she says she was never a big fan of the Twilight phenomenon that has been given a lot of attention from young readers all over the world. The young author will be available at a book signing at the Fort Erie Public Library's centennial branch on March 6th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., as well as at the From Cover to Cover Bookstore on March 27th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and at the Stovensville Garden Gallery on March 13th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Big Brothers Big Sisters expected to reach \$40,000 goal

Matt Day
The Times

As the balls rolled down the lanes, the money kept rolling in.

Organizers of the 14th annual Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) Bowl For Kids' Sake are calling this year's event a success with more than \$25,000 raised in Fort Erie alone and still one more weekend to go.

"Considering the state of the economy, it was much better than expected," said executive director of BBBS Fort Erie Sandra Barrett. "The response from the community is wonderful and it's great to see people are really behind our philosophy of helping kids."

The premise was the same as years before where people raise money as part of a team and gather at Carroll's Bowling Lanes to take part in friendly games with other community organizations. This year's theme was a Biting Olympic one with participants showing off their red and white colours.

Barrett said although the

amount of teams entered was down from last year, bowlers went above and beyond expectations of what they were asked to raise with mostly everyone giving more than the \$50 requirement.

Ward 4 Coun. Tim Whitfield has been known to bring in thousands of dollars for the organization each year since this time around was no different as he raised a personal best of \$2,680, propelling his councillors' team total above the mayor's team total.

His goal is to reach \$3,000 with other businesses still continuing to pledge anywhere between \$100 to \$500. But Whitfield made sure to point out that it's not an individual achievement, as his goal wouldn't have been achieved had it not been for all the generous support from local businesses donating large amounts.

"It makes me feel good knowing this money will be helping so many youths in our community, but it makes me feel even better knowing that the people of Fort Erie are so giving," he said. "I get

far too much credit because it's the people that donated the money who actually deserve the recognition."

Whitfield's own business got the ball rolling with a \$250 donation of his own to start. He said after that, all it took was a couple dozen two-minute phone calls to bring his contribution up to such a large amount.

When asked why he takes this organization to heart, Whitfield simply replied by saying the children are the future.

"If a child can't get the care or guidance from their own blood, then it is important to have people there to fill that void because the alternative is not always good."

Barrett said the money raised this year will be going towards co-sponsoring the Stepping Stones social program, a group mentoring program for children dealing with bullying and anger management issues. The remaining money will be used for recruitment purposes as currently there are 15 children on a waiting list for a big brother or big sister.



Members of the Fort Erie Times team spare a minute for a picture at last Saturday's Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl For Kids' Sake held at Carroll's Bowling Lanes. From left are reporter Matt Day, Dennis Dubuc, sales manager Myra Robertson and her son Josh Park, along with editor Kristi Dubuc. The team raised over \$400 for the cause.

Notice to the Fort Erie Credit Union Membership

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Fort Erie Community Credit Union Limited will be held at the Bridgewater County Club, 700 Glenora Road, Fort Erie, Ontario on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving Reports and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009, appointment of the Credit Union's auditor for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010, and any other business of an Annual Meeting. Registration commences at 6:30 p.m.

Copies of the financial statements and the reports of the audit committee and the auditor will be available for inspection at the meeting and at the offices of the Credit Union ten days before the date of the meeting.

Special Business:

The following special business will be considered at this meeting:

Members will consider, and, if thought appropriate, approve a resolution confirming the repeal of the Credit Union's existing general by-law, and its replacement with a new general by-law. Copies of the proposed new general by-law are available at all offices of the Credit Union, and will be distributed to all members in attendance at the meeting. The proposed new general by-law has been drafted to bring the Credit Union into compliance with recent amendments to the Credit Union and Co-ops Regulations Act, 1994 and new Regulations passed under that legislation. Key changes to the Credit Union's by-laws include the following:

- Members of the Credit Union will be permitted, at their discretion, to hold up to \$3,000 in additional membership shares.
- Directors need not serve for longer than four consecutive three-year terms since their first election to the Board at this annual general meeting or later.
- Director candidates, whether incumbent directors or not, are now required to disclose their legal conflicts of interest prior to the election in which they are a candidate.
- The Credit Union is instituting a nomination procedure which will require those intending to seek election to the Board to be nominated in advance of the annual general meeting. The Credit Union will appoint a nominating committee of three members, who will prescribe a form of application for nomination and receive those applications for at least 15 days, at least 30 days before the annual general meeting. The nominating committee shall evaluate whether or not each nominee is qualified pursuant to the Act and by-laws, and shall place in nomination the names of all qualified nominees.

- Because the amendments to the Act no longer require a loans officer and eliminate the concept of a lending license, the requirement to have a loans officer has been removed.
- The Board is now required to appoint a Chief Executive Officer of the Credit Union.
- The Chair of the Board may not now serve for more than five consecutive terms since the Board reorganization meeting following this annual general meeting.
- The Board may permit, subject to such rules as it deems appropriate, participation in membership meetings by electronic or telephonic means. Voting at membership meetings by mail or by e-mail, telephonic or electronic means is prohibited.
- The delivery of notice of a membership meeting to members has been made more flexible by eliminating archaic methods of delivering notice and permitting the Credit Union to take advantage of modern communication methods like e-mail.

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Some call deafness the silent epidemic, it is painless and invisible, yet more people suffer from it than from heart disease, cancer, blindness, TB, MS, and kidney disease put together. The reasons vary and include diet, medical conditions, noise pollution, aging, missing personal medical devices, and heredity. Men and women, young and old—one one is immune. Find out the status of your hearing. Consult with an audiologist at HearAgainCanada.com or HearAgainCLINIC.com, 660 Garrison Road, Unit 12. Our services include thorough consultations, comprehensive testing, expert evaluations, custom fittings, and follow-up care. Phone 800-671-4242.

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Why am I concerned? Simply, I feel for the many people, I know that left Crystal Beach with broken dreams and lost jobs. So yes, I am for a plan that will help preserve and the future restaurants.

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Almost one third of patients surveyed by the American Dental Association at the time of the country thought it very important that their dentists have lasers. Dentists, therefore, felt the need to keep current and to the cutting edge of this profession.

The bottom line is that lasers do have legitimate uses in dentistry; however, they do not take the place of any of the more conventional tools used in dentistry. Their effectiveness in surgery, tissue removal or bleaching is generally less than conventional tools. The costs of laser equipment and the less than stellar performance make most practitioners question the need.



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A: Nobody can say for sure that his or her business idea will succeed, however, preliminary inquiries can help you to determine whether to start your business or to think your idea. A good place to begin is by asking for feedback from friends and family, talking with potential customers or suppliers, completing surveys, and exploring the competition. Use common sense when revealing your business idea. Limit the information and have them sign a non-disclosure form. For more information on starting a small business contact:



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- The frequency of urban beach closures has escalated as a result of contamination by animal feces and medical waste
- Navigation problems for pleasure craft, caused by the rapid expansion of bottom-mounted aquatic plants, have increased.
- The proliferation of non-native species has created problems. One recent example is the rapidly expanding zebra mussel population. This mussel species is already clogging industrial and municipal water treatment intake pipes and causing beach closures.



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Celebrating black history

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Kris Dubé
The Times

There is a plethora of rich history in this town and an event at the Mahoney's Doll House Gallery was designed to showcase some of it.

At the historical building built in 1834 and formerly known as Bertie Hall, over 250 people from the local community attended the two-day event that focused on local black history and the idea that the building was used as a portal in the underground railroad.

Yvonne Hopkins, project co-ordinator at the historical site said the hall was definitely involved in some way with the path travelled by freedom seekers in the days of slavery but is uncertain as to

whether there was a direct line to the building.

"There was always a rumour there was a tunnel to the basement but it was never found," she said.

She also agreed that most people know about the doll house because of the reputation it gets for having a few paranormal tenants living there, but there is much more to it than that and is a very significant part of Fort Erie's identity as it was used as a safe house during slavery.

"A lot of people aren't aware of how significant Fort Erie is with local black history," she said.

"This is a history that was carried on by word of mouth, rather than written in books a lot of times," she added.

Hopkins was very pleased to see that almost 300 people walked through the doors last weekend and hopes this will continue as the doll house continues to partner with the Fort Erie Heritage Arts Legacy.

"It's great to see that number of people interested in history," said Hopkins.

There wasn't enough people celebrating black history in this area."

— Ruby Smith

Ruby Smith, chair of the local arts legacy said this is something she hopes will continue for many years to come and feels this is an event that was long overdue.

"There wasn't enough people celebrating black history in this area," said Smith.

A series of photos titled *Images of a Moment* taken by local resident Ray Ordinario was also on display, capturing images from the local Haitian community.



Members of the Fort Erie Heritage Arts Legacy Ruby Smith, left, Marlene McGee, Nancy Welland, Sue Bonafacio, Adriana Jacobo, are joined by Ward 6 Coun. Ann-Marie Noyes at the Mahoney's Doll House Gallery last weekend during an event that celebrated and showcased Fort Erie's black history and its connection to the doll house, formerly known as Bertie Hall. Organizers estimate that over 250 people attended on Saturday and Sunday.

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Police nab thieves

Two youths are facing charges after being caught by Niagara Regional Police with a number of stolen items in their possession. Early Saturday morning, at approximately 4:45 a.m., the NRP investigated the report of suspicious

persons prowling the Crescent Park area, going into vehicles in the residential neighbourhood. Police caught up with a 16-year-old male from St. Catharines and a 17-year-old male from Fort Erie who are now being

charged with trespass by night and possession of property obtained by crime. Police are reminding local residents to lock their vehicles, sheds and garages in an effort to prevent these crimes of opportunity.

Council debates department budget

The Town of Fort Erie debated and approved its departmental operational budget for informational purposes on Wednesday night. This portion will be

\$17,372,245 of the overall budget and will cause a 4.55 per cent increase for the amount of money paid to the Town of Fort Erie. The overall impact of the general levy will

be a 3.06 per cent increase on the taxpayer's bill. To read the full report, you can visit the Town of Fort Erie's website at www.forterie.on.ca.

Haiti fundraiser to be held on Mar. 11

The Italo-Canadian Club wants to remind the local community about a pasta

night fundraiser to benefit the devastated nation of Haiti. The dinner starts at 4:30 p.m.

and wraps up at 7 p.m. A donation of \$10 or more will be accepted at the event.



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Sportsmanship award goes to former Meteor

Lucas Van Natter finishes his Junior A season with the third most points earned and distinguished award

Matt Day
The Times

Although his team has had a season filled with ups and downs, Lucas Van Natter has been consistent all year scoring the third most points in the entire Junior A hockey league.

What makes his accomplishments on the ice look even better is his attitude in the locker room and in his new community of Aurora.

The 20-year-old Fort Erie native was recently named the recipient of the league's Lady Byng award that is presented to the player who shows the best type of sportsmanship and gentlemanly conduct combined with a high level of play.

"It's a pretty big deal for me because I pride myself on being disciplined and playing smart hockey while still being aggressive enough to produce on the score sheet," said Van Natter, who tallied 39 goals, 57 assists and only 10

penalty minutes during a 56-game schedule.

The former Fort Erie Meteor player joined the Aurora Tigers two years ago after being scouted at a tournament in Boston.

He said after the first year in his new league, the nerves settled down and he got used to the fast-paced style of play.

Heading into this year, he set a goal for himself to achieve a point a game. He did that easily, reaching that number in just assists.

"It feels good to reach that goal and go above and beyond that and make a run for leading scorer in the league," he said.

Van Natter only finished 10 points shy of the league leader in that department and eight points shy of teammate David Morley's total of 104 points.

His coach, Paul Hampton, said he feels lucky to have a player like Van Natter on his team.

"He's a devoted, hard-working hockey player who plays like one of the big guys," Hampton said.

"You're always proud to be coaching players of that caliber and players who have that kind of integrity."

The Tigers are currently facing a 2-0 deficit to the Oakville Blades during the first round of the Ontario Junior A Hockey League's

playoffs.

Van Natter's team has been known all year as an offensive powerhouse and said it's time for players to step it up even more, including his own play as he has registered just a single assist so far in the play-offs.

He said helping him in his transition to playing away from his hometown was his family and friends who try to get to as many games as possible.

"I didn't get too homesick as the family I'm billeting with has been great and everyone back home have done everything they can to help me stay comfortable up here."

Van Natter's hockey career is already looking promising as he has been scouted by numerous schools in the United States including Division I universities.

"I think my future in hockey is looking better each year, but I still feel like I'm not playing my best hockey. I want to continue to play and develop more skills, because I know I have a lot of learning still to do."

Crashing the net



Shawn Anthony of the Fort Erie Meteors tries to jam the puck past St. Catharines Falcons netminder Trevor Pearce during Wednesday's game at the Leisurplex. The Meteors dropped the game 7-4, but are still holding on to the seventh spot in the Golden Horseshoe Conference standings. For the full story, see page 16.

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Brick

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Bouquet

To everyone who has participated in and raised money for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake event.

Brick

To the people who spend their time writing bricks and complaining about meaningless things when there are real issues in this world and our town that need to be paid attention to. Emitting negativity will only bring more negativity into the world and right now what we need is positivity. Take your negativity and whining and do something useful with it.

Bouquet

To all of Canada's Olympians for giving Canadians a reason to be more proud than ever for the country they call home. Go Canada Go!

Meteors losing streak reaches five

Matt Day
The Times

The Fort Erie Meteors are hoping their game Wednesday is not a sign of things to come.

The first-placed St. Catharines Falcons flew into town and dominated the home team 7-4 in what could be a potential first round playoff matchup for the Meteors.

Fort Erie came out sloppy in the first period and St. Catharines jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead.

But by midway through the second period, goals from Mike Baxter, Jesse Healy and Mike Nedilsky closed the gap to 4-3 for the

Meteors.

Before the announcer could even finish announcing Nedilsky's goal, St. Catharines had rushed down to Fort Erie's end and restored a two goal lead before putting it away in the third period.

The lack of intensity from his players has general manager Tony Passero worried with only one game remaining in their regular season schedule.

"It's going to be tough and if we show up like we did in the first period tonight we will be heat four straight, regardless of who we play."

The Meteors currently hold a two-point lead on the Wheatfield Blades as both teams are fighting to stay out

of the basement in the standings. Whoever finishes in the last spot will be matched up against the Falcons who have dominated all year and have a 38-7-4 record.

Passero said that is not a matchup the team wants and has been trying to light a fire under his guys to get them motivated, but said it's difficult to get a team going which has struggled all year trying to remain positive.

"At the beginning of the year we knew it was going to be a long season with only one returning defenceman," said Passero. "And now since we're at the end and the future doesn't look good, it's hard to keep spirits up."

Passero said if the team is to have any shot at making a legitimate run in the post-season, everyone would have to be firing on all cylinders, including star goalie Adrian Volpe.

Fort Erie's netminder has been nominated for the Tyler Crooks Memorial Trophy and the league's most valuable player award. All year long, the Meteors have counted on him to

make the big saves when they need it to keep them in certain games and Saturday night was no different as Volpe faced 40 shots and shut the door on numerous breakaway attempts from St. Catharines.

Although he has a goals against average of 4.63, much of the credit to the team's wins have gone to the former Ontario Hockey League goaltender.

"I know it doesn't look good, but our team is giving it all they can. Our defensive units just need to shut out all of the negative criticism and focus on doing what they are taught in practice."

Passero said Volpe will be a key determining factor in how Fort Erie does in the playoffs.

"If he continues to stand on his head and we do all the little things right, we might be able to steal a couple games."

The Meteors last regular season home game is tonight at 7:45 p.m. at the Leisureplex where they will face-off against Stoney Creek in what could be another potential first-round matchup.


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Birthday greetings

Happy 5th Birthday Carl!

February 27th

Love, Mommy & Daddy, Little Sister Claire, Grandma Roni and Grandma and Papa Neff and all your family.

Announcements/greetings

Stag & Doe

in honour of **Amber Blackley & James Dougherty**

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Engagements

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An August Wedding is planned. We love you both.

Skip and Darlene Sexsmith are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Dayna to Sejdin Jakupovski, son of Fatmir and Medija Jakupovski.

An August 2010 Wedding will take place in Guelph, Ontario.

Thank You Cards

My wife and I would like to thank our good friends, family and neighbours for their support. We would also like to thank the Fort Erie Fire Department and the Fort Erie Police Department. Thank you for your support, **Rainer and Debbie Jordan**

PALISKA

The family of John Paliska wish to extend our thanks to our family and friends for their wonderful donations and support in the loss of our husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. Thanks to Trinity Lutheran Church, Pastor Julio and organist Joe Crawford for a wonderful service, and to the Royal Canadian Legion and Customs Honour Guard. Also thanks to the Legion ladies and Trinity ladies for a delicious lunch.

Deaths

BURNETT, Beverly Ann - Peacefully on February 24, 2010 Beverly passed away at the Greater Niagara General Hospital at the age of 76. She was predeceased by her loving husband Ronald Burnett. Beloved mother of Reed Burnett (Charlene Mathewson) and the late Brent Burnett. She will be fondly remembered by her granddaughter Nicole and grandson Kenny Towner (Karen) and by her brother Bob Hales (Sharon). Friends may call at the **HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME**, 21 Wintemute Street, Fort Erie on Saturday afternoon from 1-3 o'clock. A service to celebrate Beverly's life will follow at 3 o'clock at the funeral home with the Rev. Mark Gladding officiating. Cremation to take place. Light reception will follow at St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, 32 Ixleyville Street Fort Erie. Those who wish may make a memorial contribution to the Canadian Cancer Society. On-line guest register at www.hammond-davidsonfuneralhome.com

HUTH, Gerda, peacefully released from a decade-long struggle with stroke and its complications on Sunday afternoon, 21st February 2010, in Toronto. Loving mother of Barbara of Toronto, former wife of the late Herbert. Sister of the late Elfriede Schulte, and of Brigitta Crummenier, and aunt to Gerd, Fritz, Herbert and Peter Schulte and their families all in Germany, and niece Ulrike Schlock and her family in Delta, BC. Cremation has taken place. A celebration of her life is planned for Fort Erie this spring. In lieu of flowers, donations would be welcomed to the Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie, 905-871-6628.

IMPPOLA, Lydia - On Wednesday February 24th, 2010, Lydia passed away suddenly in her 104th year. Predeceased by her husband Anso Imppola. Survived by her daughter Lilian (Dusty) Blair, her granddaughter Terri Blair and her great granddaughter Sarah Jarvis. A special thank you to the staff at Glendale Lodge. A memorial service will be held at the **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridge Road N., Ridgeway, on Saturday afternoon from 2:00 to 2:30 o'clock. A private family interment will be held in St. Paul's, Ontario at a later time. In memory of Lydia, those who wish may donate to the Canadian Diabetes Association.

Deaths

In Memory of **ERNEST GILROY** who passed away peacefully at the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital on Friday, February 19, 2010 in his 90th year. Beloved husband of the late Margaret (neé Spence) formerly of Fort Erie. Loving father of Mr. Wayne (Pam) Gilroy of St. Catharines, Darlene (Alan) Lee of East Aurora, New York, Janice (John) Wheeler of Whittby and Lynn (Paul) Kent of Oshawa. Fondly remembered by his 10 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Survived by his brother Merfin of Oshawa in his 83rd year and predeceased by his sister Evelyn Stavers of Myrtle Station. The Gilroy family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to Loretta Escote for her amazing care and devotion to our dad over the past 4 years. Also a special thank you to Sue and Maureen and their ComCare colleagues who for the past 10 years have provided wonderful personal support. Family and friends were received at the **LOW AND LOW FUNERAL HOME**, 1763 Reach Street, Port Perry (905)985-7331 for visitation on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel, Interment Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. In Ernest's memory, donations may be made to the Children's Wish Foundation. On-line condolences can be made at www.lowandco.ca

LAWRENCE, Thomas Alfred - born in England, passed away at Douglas Memorial, surrounded by his family on Monday, February 22nd 2010, at the age of 87. Taken from the loving arms of his family to the open arms of his Saviour. Loving and devoted husband of Margaret (Maggie) (Lillian) Lawrence. Father of Barbara (Steve), Brian, Brenda (Don), Beverly (Jerry), Bonita, Gisela (Mike). Will be missed by his many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Family received friends at St. John's Lutheran Church, 3837 Netherby Rd. (Snyder) on Wednesday February 24th after 10 a.m. service followed by a 1 p.m. interment took place in St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery. Arrangements had been entrusted to The WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME (905) 894-1161. If desired memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Card of thanks

ALLEN The family of the late Keith Allen wishes to express our sincere appreciation to our relatives, friends and neighbours for all the love and support during our recent loss of a dear son, brother, uncle, many thanks for flowers, food, plants, phone calls and cards. A memorial for Keith will be held in Jasper, Alberta on May 8, 2010 where he resided for 32 years.

In memoriam

DEBI MOUNTAIN

In loving memory of a dear friend who passed away March 4th, 2007.

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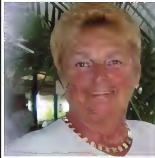
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Debbie XXXXXX

In memoriam



Macinlis

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You will walk with us forever.
Always loved and never forgotten,
Heather, Bev & Barb

KATHLEEN MARTIN

Remembering a wonderful daughter who passed away February 28, 1992.
Today is remembered and quietly kept,
No words are needed, we will never forget.
Deep in our hearts you will always stay,
Loved and remembered every day.
Love you always, Mom

KEN NORRAD

In loving memory of our dear father and grandfather who passed away March 2, 2002.
This day we do remember
A loving thought we give
To him no longer with us
But in our hearts still lives
Thoughts return to scenes long past
Years roll on but memories last.
Forever missed by
Lou, Gail, Cara and Michael

LYNDA KEIWAN

In loving memory of my dear daughter who passed away on February 28, 1993.
Today is remembered and quietly kept,
No words are needed, we will never forget.
Deep in our hearts you will always stay,
Loved and remembered every day.
Sadly missed by your Mom

Although we smile and make no fuss
No one misses him more than us
And when our times we off recall
It's then we miss most of all

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MARY LAROCQUE

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother who passed away March 4, 2009.
Past her suffering, past her pain,
Cease to weep for tears are vain.
She who suffered is at rest,
Gone to Heaven with the Best.
Sadly missed by husband Jerry (Gilles), children Judy (Jim), Eric (Malaria), John (Kalia), Wandy, Gillis and Nicole (Scott), grandchildren and great grandchildren.

NIELSEN, CLIFF

In memory of a loving husband and father, who passed away February 26, 1977.
Time cannot steal the treasures we carry in our hearts.
Always remembered by wife, Betty, Tom and Lori.

Time takes away the aches of grief,
But memory turns back every leaf.

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